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OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITOR, •

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF SUTTON,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1867.

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REPORTS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Payments by the Town Treasurer from March 10, 1866, the time of the last settlement with the Auditors, to March 1, 1867, inclusive.

Paid J. H. Dowlin, damage by defect of bridge,.....	\$16.00
Erastus Wadleigh, on note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	75.00
Reuben Porter, for timber trees,.....	11.00
Benja. T. Putney, services as Town Clerk, 1865,	24.25
Benja. T. Putney, pro. Universalist Min. mon.,..	11.32
Kendrick & Blake, digging graves, 1865,.....	29.30
John Pressey, work on bridge,.....	2.05
Joseph Morgan, digging graves, ...	12.00
Ira P. Whittier, cutting ice in road,.....	1.28
Whittier P. Mastin, road damage,.....	5.00
Levi Ferrin, supplies for Rufus Bailey's family,..	18.29
George S. French, for plank.	8.90
Albert Little, repairing highway,.....	5.27
Luther Dresser, do.,.....	3.30
Susan Williams, interest on note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	12.00
George H. Pressey, bounty,.....	1100.00
Charles C. Marshall, do.,.....	1100.00
Alonzo C. Carroll (Geo. W. Constantine's bounty,) ..	1100.00
W. H. Marshall, school money, Dis. No. 4,.....	17.98
Geo. C. Eaton, on note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	125.00
Lewis Richards, use of hall by Selectmen,.....	23.90
same, supplies for Melvin Mitchell,.....	4.00
Pressey & Putney, supplies for Willard Folsom,..	18.00
Pressey & Putnam, supplies for Levi Fisk,.....	1.72
Wyman P. Kimball, supplies for Rufus Bailey,..	3.00
Wyman P. Kimball, breaking roads,	3.00
B. W. Sanborn, for blanks,.....	3.72
Nath'l Kezar, Agent on Poor Farm,.....	272.50
same, for sap buckets,.....	14.91

Paid Francis F. Blaisdell, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	129.66
Nath'l Kezar, note <i>vs.</i> town, payable to L. C. Shoemaker,.....	80.72
John French, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	343.14
Moses W. Russell, med. attend. Willard Folsom,.	375.00
Moses W. Russell, med. attendance R. Bailey,..	13.00
Moses W. Russell, services Superintending School Committee,.....	51.50
John Boyd, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	50.00
Timothy B. Lewis, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	183.57
Asa Page, Auditor,.....	8.00
Johnson Colley, Auditor,.....	8.00
John H. Collins, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	106.39
Ira S. Palmer, boarding L. Bullard, pauper,....	15.43
Harrison Fellows, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	264.76
George G. Lowell, Thos. E. Wells' bill,.....	4.30
Truman Putney, services as Treasurer, 1865,...	50.00
Emery Bailey, services as Selectman, 1865,....	143.74
Converse Gage, do., do.,.....	101.71
Jona. H. Nelson, do., do.,.....	240.64
Melvin Mitchell, per order of Selectmen, Parker children,.....	4.00
Erastus Wadleigh, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	196.06
Levi Ferrin, watering tub, 1865,.....	3.00
James G. Whidden, digging graves,.....	8.50
Converse Gage, interest on note,.....	18.54
Selectman,	1.25
Daniel Ordway, digging grave,.....	1.50
Joshua Rogers, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	74.12
Elbridge G. Rogers, do.,.....	102.65
Angeline Hart, do.,.....	63.85
Aseneth Leach, do.,.....	109.37
Daniel Sargent, do.,.....	51.77
Aaron Russell, do.,.....	66.68
Isaac Peaslee, do.,.....	195.43
Aaron Russell, do.,.....	25.91
Levina Burpee, on do.,.....	25.00
M. Amanda Campbell, on do.,.....	45.00
Converse Gage, on do.,	6.00
John D. Wadleigh, on do.,.....	12.00
William Nelson, do.,.....	30.94
J. G. Huntoon, do.,.....	103.66
Nath'l Kezar, on do.,.....	25.00

Paid John D. Wadleigh, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	201.70
Erastus Wadleigh, do.,.....	221.32
do.,.....	229.10
Philip H. Little, do.,.....	102.8
Converse Gage, do.,.....	78.28
Sarah A. Jackman, do.,.....	112.80
Charles Hart, on do.,.....	30.00
Frank Nelson, on do.,.....	24.00
Mary A. Campbell, do.,.....	30.12
Moses Pillsbury, on do.,.....	6.00
Nath'l Kezar, do.,.....	85.32
Wyman P. Kimball, do.,.....	94.41
Charles Hart, do.,.....	42.74
Samuel Blanchard, do.,.....	675.62
Nath'l Kesar, on do.,.....	25.00
Rachel Fisk, on do.,.....	70.00
Moses Hazen, on do.,.....	72.00
Benja. C. Davis, do.,.....	111.38
do.,.....	67.70
do.,.....	51.32
do.,.....	57.86
do.,.....	139.70
Aaron Russell, do.,.....	152.82
Levina Burpee, on do.,.....	20.00
Moses Hazen, on do.,.....	20.00
Susan Williams, on do.,.....	6.00
William W. Coburn, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	698.62
Moses Hazen, do.,.....	115.53
Sharon Jameson, do.,.....	540.07
Israel Andrew, do.,.....	113.90
Reuben M. Call, do.,.....	339.73
Simon Kezar, do.,.....	56.18
Harrison Fellows, do.,.....	530.00
George Fellows, do.,.....	102.24
on do.,.....	200.00
Catherine J. Sargent, note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	101.80
Joshua Rogers, do.,.....	31.94
Tizzah Sargent, on do.,.....	40.00
Nath'l Kezar, on do.,.....	25.00
Frank Nelson, on do.,.....	70.00
Samuel Blanchard, do.,.....	514.49
Mary A. Campbell, do.,.....	28.46
on do.,.....	155.44

Paid Nathl Kezar, do.,.....	264.04
George C. Eaton, do.,.....	125.00
Henry E. Page, do.,.....	314.70
M. Amanda Davis, do.,.....	100.00
J. G. Huntoon, repairing highway,.....	1.00
Nancy Haskell,.....	5.00
Wyman P. Kimball, Selectmen's order,.....	15.00
Henry W. Carter, damage by defect in highway,	15.50
Margaret Littlehale, watering tub, 1865,.....	3.00
Ephraim Bean, stringers for bridge,.....	2.25
Moses P. Cheney, do.,.....	11.00
Converse Gage, work on bridge.....	7.00
Ira P. Whittier, school money Dist. No. 6,....	33.95
Warren H. Simons, school money Dist. No. 9,..	48.00
W. H. Marshall, school money Dist. No. 4,....	55.00
Gilman Greeley, school money Dist. No. 7,....	34.00
John Colby, chopping wood on town farm,....	13.00
Charles A. Fowler, boarding Mrs. Parker,.....	21.50
Wyman P. Kimball, Selectmen's order,.....	215.00
Gideon D. Felch,.....	8.73
J. M. Palmer,.....	10.83
Jacob K. Adams, school money Dist. No. 10,...	15.00
Jacob B. Nelson, school money Dist. No. 13,...	15.00
Henry V. Little, school money Dist. No. 1,....	50.00
Moore C. Merrill, school money, Dist. No. 2,..	55.00
John Colby, school money, Dist. No. 5,.....	10.00
George S. Eastman, school money Dist. No. 14,.	9.24
County tax,.....	1094.55
Hannah Fifield, support,.....	26.00
David Hart, watering tub, 1865,.....	2.00
Philip N. Little, school house tax Dist. No. 2,..	35.00
Albert Nelson, damage,.....	1.50
Tappan & Sanborn, advice,.....	32.00
James G. Whidden, digging graves,.....	7.50
Albert Little, costs town vs. E. P. Davis,.....	8.36
George Shepard, costs town vs. E. P. Davis,...	6.26
Andrew J. Bohonan, bridge plank,.....	13.00
Charles Crockett, school mon. dist. No. 15,....	5.59
Jacob K. Adams, school mon. dist. No. 10,....	31.51
William D. Harwood, school mon. dist. No. 3,..	31.01
Moses W. Russell, med. attend. Melvin Mitchell,	6.50
do. Timothy Lyman,...	.50
do. Joseph Hunt,.....	9.00
do. R. H. Hutchins,...	5.10

Paid Moses W. Russell, med. attend. Jesse Bean,....	.75
do. Isaac Johonett,...	27.30
do. Eliza Parker,.....	26.00
services Super. School Com.,	26.50
Moses Hazen,.....	37.09
Frank Palmer, school house tax dist. No. 8,....	75.00
John G. Huntoon, work on road,.....	7.40
Charles A. Fowler, pro. Spiritualist's min. mon. 1865 and 1866,.....	7.35
John Felch, pro. Baptist min. mon. 1866,.....	8.33
Ira Palmer, school mon. dist. No. 8,.....	27.32
Nath'l Clay, school mon. dist. No. 12,.....	31.88
Moses L. Pillsbury, cutting ice in road, &c.,....	12.25
John C. Little, work on road,.....	2.59
Harris Burpee, for sheep killed by dog,.....	2.50
Erastus Wadleigh, work on road, &c.,.....	15.02
Converse Gage, work on road, &c.,.....	4.84
Gilbert Wadleigh, making report, &c.,.....	6.00
A. J. Bohonan, for plank,.....	3.15
Henry V. Little, school mon. dist. No. 1,.....	79.69
Moore C. Merrill, school mon. dist. No. 2,....	90.26
Warren H. Simons, school mon. dist. No. 9,....	68.61
Jacob B. Nelson, school mon. dist. No. 13,....	13.59
Gilman Greeley, school mon. dist. No. 7,.....	21.90
W. W. Flanders, cost vs. town,.....	31.75
James M. Sargent, use of hall,.....	11.00
A. C. Carroll, school house tax dist. No. 9,....	122.33
J. B. McAllister, supplies for Joseph Hunt,....	23.74
do. George Hunt,....	3.00
do. Joseph Chase,....	1.28
do. Joseph Palmer,...	2.00
do. Willard Folsom,...	3.00
J. M. Fitz, med. attend. for George Hunt,....	14.25
do. Joseph Palmer,....	5.75
do. Mrs. Sally Roby,...	3.75
Albert Nelson, pro. Universalist min. mon. 1866,	20.33
Pressey & Putney, supplies for Melvin Mitchell,	11.61
do. J. Hunt,.....	2.12
do. Mrs. Rufus Bailey,	18.75
do. Joshua Babb,....	6.12
do. Parker children,..	4.65
do. Timo. Lyman,....	.83
for padlock,.....	.30

Paid Nath'l A. Davis, breaking roads,.....	18.33
Francis Robbins, plank, &c.,.....	10.60
Ira P. Whittier, school mon. dist. No. 6,.....	43.61
W. H. Marshall, school mon. dist. No. 4,.....	86.24
Peter Sanborn, State tax, 1866,.....	2685.00
Erastus Blake, digging graves,.....	16.00
James G. Whidden, digging graves,.....	14.50
J. R. Smiley, med. attend. Joseph Chase,.....	17.50
do. Eliza Parker,.....	8.00
Levi Ferrin, supplies for R. H. Hutchings,.....	165.75
do. Joseph Chase,.....	4.00
do. Timo. Lyman,.....	11.52
do. Joseph Hunt,.....	1.37
for coffin Isaac Johonett,.....	7.00
do. Mrs. P. Harvey,.....	10.50
for use of water tub, 1866,.....	3.00
George Ogilvie, use of water tub, 1866,.....	3.00
Lewis Richards, supplies Jos. Hunt,.....	14.68
do. Timo. Lyman,.....	7.41
do. J. Haskell,.....	5.00
do. M. Mitchell,.....	3.00
Rodney Hubbard,.....	10.00
Amos H. Smith,.....	1.00
Philip N. Little, for gravel,.....	2.00
John Wright, Jr., abatement of sundry taxes,...	49.87
D. L. Guernsey & Co., check lists,.....	.45
Dudley Kendrick, breaking roads, &c.,.....	3.77
M. Amanda Davis, on note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	100.00
Francis Robbins, breaking roads, &c.,.....	9.06
Nelson & Davis, supplies for J. W. Palmer,....	8.46
Frank Nelson, on note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	50.00
Hipsibeth Nelson, on note <i>vs.</i> town,.....	194.82
David Brown, breaking roads, &c.,.....	19.66
Ira P. Whittier, fixing bridge, &c.,.....	7.05
Freeman J. Rowe, fixing bridge, &c.,	6.00
H. Gillingham, damage done wagon and sleigh,	26.75
Town of Dublin, funeral expense of Mrs. N. Philbrick,	11.75
Francis M. Richards, for collecting taxes,.....	75.00
Francis M. Richards, abatement of sundry taxes,	32.95
or loaned H. W. Chadwick, and included in his	
note April 7, 1866,.....	107.62
error on credit side,.....	1.46

\$20,795.32

*Receipts by the Town Treasurer, from March 10, 1866, to
March 1, 1867, inclusive.*

Received of Emery Bailey, Selectman (hired),.....	\$2580.00
support of Rufus Bailey,	79.73
do. W. Folsom's wife,...	21.25
for timber sold,.....	58.53
for support of county paupers,.....	388.08
Converse Gage, Selectman (hired),...	1520.00
(Town of Grafton), ..	24.50
Erastus Wadleigh, Selectman (hired),	2269.28
(State note),.....	1769.60
taxes of Mrs. Nelson,	91.62
Saving's Bank Tax, 1866,	13.55
Railroad Tax, 1866,	34.65
State Aid, 1866,..	406.49
Literary fund, 1866,	48.60
U. S. Bounties,....	440.00
E. Wadleigh and E. Bailey, Selectmen,	
taxes of Mrs. J. H. Nelson, 1865,..	350.00
Thomas W. Nelson, note and interest,	47.12
Francis Robbins, interest on note,.....	8.78
John Wright, Jr., Collector, 1864,....	40.00
Mehitable S. Nelson, taxes, 1865,.....	265.00
Lewis A. W. Heath, interest on note,..	16.58
Francis M. Richards, Collector, 1865,..	205.00
Henry Davis, note and interest,.....	328.17
Francis M. Richards, Collector, 1866,..	7347.00
James M. Peaslee, note and interest,...	28.90
Harris F. Russell, note and interest,...	333.37
Wyman P. Kimball, Poor Farm Agent,	215.00
Chase Putney, interest on note,.....	4.60
Henry V. Little, interest on note,.. ..	27.27
Thomas W. Nelson, interest on note,...	49.15
Thomas Cheney, interest on note,.....	1.83
Joseph P. Nelson, interest on note,....	12.00
John Wright, Jr., Collector, 1864,....	130.67
Aaron Russell, interest on note,.....	12.71
Francis Robbins, interest on note,.....	6.42
Erastus Wadleigh, Selectman,.....	25.00
support of R. Hubbard,	10.00

Received of Converse Gage, support of Mrs. W.	
Folsom,.....	3.00
Albert A. Durgin, interest on note,....	12.68
Francis M. Richards, Collector, 1866,..	375.00
by Abatement of	
Taxes,.....	32.95
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	\$24,333.93
Deduct payments,.....	20,795.32
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Balance in Treasury,.....	\$3,538.61

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of T. Putney, Treasurer of Sutton, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

	ENOCH PAGE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
	ASA PAGE,	
March 1, 1867.	MOSES HAZEN,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditors for the town of Sutton for the year 1866, having examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town from the 10th day of March, 1866, to the 1st day of March, 1867, inclusive, report as follows :

Am't received by Town Treasurer,....	\$24,333.93
paid out by Town Treasurer,....	20,795.32
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Balance in Treasury, including \$167.00 as tender to Jacob Mastin, award of referees, in the case Jacob Mastin <i>vs.</i> Sutton, to wit: 165.00 of legal tender U. S. Treasury notes and \$2.00 in gold. Also, \$75.00 as tender to Ephraim Mastin, for road damage,.....	\$3,538.61

Liabilities of the Town.

Am't of notes and interest <i>vs.</i> the town,	\$41,619.37
due religious societies.....	18.18
school districts,.....	72.72

Am't due Jacob & Ephraim Mastin,....	242.00
Superintendent of Poor Farm,	230.00
Superintending School Com.,	23.00
Selectmen for services, 1866,	291.10
Town Clerk, do.,.....	30.00
Town Treasurer, do.,.....	25.00
John Wright, Jr., Collector,	
1864,.....	10.00
Francis M. Richards, Collec-	
tor, 1866,.....	10.00
by estimation for breaking	
roads and repair of high-	
ways,.....	450.00
for support of Mrs. P. S. Har-	
vey and daughter,.....	91.83
sextons,.....	15.00
support of paupers,.....	8.00
of literary fund due the sev-	
eral districts,.....	48.60

Amounting to.....\$43,207.80

Available Funds.

Cash in Treasury,.....	\$3538.61
Taxes assessed in 1864, not collected,.	34.77
Taxes assessed in 1865, not collected,.	105.34
Taxes assessed in 1866, not collected,.	910.68
Am't of note vs. J. S. Bohannon,....	98.25
Am't of bounties paid by town, and now	
due from the U. S. Government,....	3140.00
Cash loaned by T. Treasurer, to be re-	
funded from minister and school funds	
when collected,.....	107.62
Am't of interest now due on minister	
and school funds,.....	89.73
Am't due from the town of Warner for	
the support of Mrs. Miriam Roby,..	19.30

Amounting to.....\$8044.50

Which being deducted from the liabilities, leaves, as
the present indebtedness of the town, a bal-
ance of.....\$35,163.30

Estimated expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

For services of Sup. School Committee,	\$50.00
Poor Farm Agent,....	250.00
Selectmen,.....	250.00
Collector and Sextons,.	140.00
Town Clerk and Treas'r,	55.00
For interest to be assigned to the several school districts and religious societies,.....	195.00
For repairs of highways and bridges,..	200.00
For support of paupers not on poor farm,	150.00
For interest on claims vs. the town,....	2497.16
For printing Reports, expenses of Auditors, &c.,.....	100.00
For contingencies,.....	100.00
Amounting to.....	<u>\$3987.16</u>

Estimated Receipts.

Interest on notes of minister and school funds,.....	163.50
For support of County paupers,.....	250.00
For railroad tax,.....	30.00
For literary money,...	45.00
For savings bank tax,.....	13.00
Amounting to.....	<u>\$501.50</u>
Am't of estimated expenses over receipts,.....	\$3485.66
To which add the present indebtedness of the town, to wit,.....	<u>\$35,163.30</u>
And it makes the sum to be provided by assessment or otherwise,.....	\$38,948.96

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH PAGE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
ASA PAGE,	
MOSES HAZEN,	

MARCH 1, 1867.

PAUPER REPORT.

The undersigned respectfully report the condition of the Pauper Establishment in the Town of Sutton, for the year ending March 1, 1867, as follows:

Paid out by the Agent from March 1, 1866,	
to March 1, 1867,.....	\$509.07
Agent's pay for one year,.....	250.00
Stock, Hay and Provisions on hand March 1,	
1867,.....	1235.40
Interest on the original cost of establishment,	180.00
	<hr/> \$2174.47

Received as avails of the establishment from	
March 1, 1866, to March 1, 1867,.....	\$633.84
Received of county for support of paupers,.	9.50
Stock, Hay and Provisions March 1, 1867,.	1130.90
Estimated value of lumber on hand and sold	
to Jonathan H. Kezar and J. S. Sargent,	160.00
	<hr/> \$1934.24

Balance against the establishment of.....	\$240.23
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The estimated value of Stock, Hay and Provisions is as follows :

2 oxen, \$225.00 ; 4 cows, 175.00 ; 1 heifer, 35.00 ;	
16 sheep, 60.00 ; hens, 4.50 ; 3 shoats, 30.00,....	\$529.50
7 tons hay, 105.00 ; straw, 5.00 ; 38 1-2 bush. wheat,	
106.37 ; 36 bush. oats, 25.20 ; 31 bush. corn, 46.50,	288.07
6 bush. beans, 15.00 ; 1 1/2 bush. peas, 1.00 ; 140 lbs.	
meat, 14. ; 147 lbs. cheese, 22. ; 14 lbs. yarn, 14.	66.00
20 lbs. rolls, 15. ; 29 lbs. butter, 8.70 ; 23 lbs. tallow,	
3.22 ; 22 lbs. candles, 3.67 ; 25 lbs. dried apple, 3.	33.59
50 lbs. flour, 3.25 ; 2 1-2 bbls. soap, 19.50 ; 1 tub	
pickles, 2. ; dried pumpkin, .30 ; 1-2 lb. tea, .84,.	25.89
75 lbs. lard, 12.50 ; salt, 1.45 ; 150 lbs. sugar, 21. ;	
1-2 bbl. vinegar, 5.50 ; 2 bbls. pork, 60.00,.....	100.45
100 lbs. beef, 10. ; 1 bush. Indian meal, 1.50 ; 180	
bush. potatoes, 72. ; 6 bush. carrots, 2.40 ; 3 1-2	
bush. beets, 1.50,.....	87.40
	<hr/> \$1130.90

Whole number of paupers on the farm during the last year,..	11
Present number on the farm,.....	6
Deceased,.....	1

There is a good stock of wood on hand. Additions of furniture and implements have been made to the amount of \$47.96. There has been a loss of one shoat on the farm, valued at \$33.00, that died.

Town paupers that have been assisted during the past year not on the farm :

Paid for support of Merriam Roby, supposed to belong to Warner,.....	\$19.50
Paid for support of Thomas Wells,.....	4.30
Paid for support of George Hunt,.....	17.25
Paid Joseph W. Palmer,.....	17.69
Paid for support of Nathaniel Philbrick, burial expenses of his wife,.....	11.75
Paid Hannah Fifield, for support of her daughter,.....	26.00
Paid Charles A. Fowler for support of Wid. Philip S. Harvey and daughter,.....	91.83
Paid funeral expenses of Wid. Philip S. Harvey,.....	10.50
Amounting to.....	\$198.81

There has been paid for County paupers not on the farm the past year,.....	\$393.91
Received from the County for the same,.....	\$378.21

Respectfully submitted,

EMERY BAILEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CONVERSE GAGE,	
ERASTUS WADLEIGH,	

of
Sutton.

SUTTON, March 1, 1867.

ACCOUNT OF TOWN OFFCERS, 1866.

Emery Bailey, Selectman.....	\$115.50
Converse Gage, do.,.....	88.60
Erastus Wadleigh, do.,.....	90.00
B. T. Putney, Town Clerk,.....	30.00
Trueman Putney, Town Treasurer,.....	25.00
M. W. Russell, Sup. School Committee,.....	26.50
Henry S. Kimball, do.,.....	23.00

REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

I respectfully present the following Report of the Summer and Fall schools in said town for the year 1866.

These terms were generally successful. The teachers were competent and labored earnestly for their schools; and the general deportment and studious habits of the scholars entitle them to much praise.

Through the wise liberality of a citizen of this town, Mr. Erastus Wadleigh, two premiums were offered, one of five dollars, for the best, and one of three dollars, for the second best Summer school—the premiums to be awarded by the Superintending School Committee.

In carrying out this plan I awarded the first premiums to District No. 4, and the second premium to District No. 2. We cannot prize too highly the blessings which our common school system confers upon us or labor too assiduously to promote its efficiency. The education of the great mass of children in our midst can be secured by no other agency; while the importance of their education cannot be over estimated. The happiness and material prosperity of a community bears a direct ratio to the moral worth and intellectual development of its members. Look at the highly educated and virtuous community and note its immense sources of prosperity. Property located there is valuable compared with similar property in the midst of those who are ignorant and vicious. Its jail and almshouse are vacant. Thrift, industry, rapid growth in wealth and power characterize such a people. Estimate, if you will, how much it would add to the prosperity and real wealth of our own town, if every young person in it could receive an academical, or even a thorough common school education, combined with judicious moral training.

How powerfully would this tend to diminish pauperism and prevent crime among us, and to lessen the sale of intoxicating drinks—the most infernal traffic that can disgrace a civilized community. Not only is education, moral and intellectual, necessary to the happiness and prosperity of a community, but it is the strongest bulwark of our free institutions. The past has demonstrated beyond a cavil that, as a nation, we have nothing to fear from foes abroad or treason and traitors at home; yet all that we cherish most and prize the highest in our republican government, may be lost to us forever by the ignorance and depravity of those in our midst. A wise regard, therefore, for our best interests should prompt us to make liberal provision for the support of our schools, and to see to it that their efficiency is not lessened, nor their influence for good crippled by our indifference or opposition.

The school in No. 1, was taught by Miss Sarah A. Cheney. This was her first school, and her success gave promise of future usefulness as a teacher. The improvement in the different classes was good.

In order that a school be thoroughly successful the teacher, and espec-

ially the young teacher, needs the sympathy and cooperation of the whole district. It is therefore a cause of deep regret that any should allow prejudice, or feelings of rivalry, to swerve their judgments, and shape their actions in matters pertaining to our schools. *We thought* we saw something of this kind evinced by members of this school and district, but we *may* have been mistaken.

Miss R. Emily Hazen had charge of the school in the District No. 2. The term was pleasant and profitable. Each of the different branches received its proper share of attention, and the improvement was good. We have the pleasure of reporting another excellent term of school in No. 4, under the management of Miss Emma Hasletine. The order was good and the instruction thorough and systematic. This school has made rapid improvement during the past few terms. I was gratified to see so many of the district present at the closing examination.

In No. 5, the term was very short, and there were but few scholars. When visited last, there were only three scholars present, and, if I mistake not, only one of these was present at the first visit, consequently I could not judge of the general improvement. Miss Abby J. Blodgett, teacher.

Mrs. Sarah J. Baker taught the Summer term in No. 6. The school was very short. The scholars appeared interested, and a good degree of improvement was manifested.

In No. 7, I found another very small school, hardly enough scholars to secure an interest. It was under the very efficient instruction of Miss Lydia H. Huntoon, and good progress was made.

No. 9, is one of our pleasantest schools, and has a new and well arranged school-room. This term was taught by Mrs. Amanda M. Campbell. Order and improvement very good.

The Summer Term in No. 10, was commenced by Miss P. A. Elliott, but not meeting with success, she kept only three weeks. As I was not notified of its close, I visited it but once. Miss Lucinda F. Johnson, took charge of the Fall Term. The excellent order and rapid improvement showed plainly that it was under the tuition of no "second class teacher."

No. 13, has but few scholars, but an interest is kept up in the school which is seldom maintained in so small a district. Miss Delia A. Morse taught the Summer Term. The improvement was very good.

As usual we had an excellent term of school in No. 14. It was under the superior management of Miss Reddington. A large number of visitors were present at the close, and the tedium of the examination was relieved by recitations, reading of compositions, &c. The order was good, and improvement marked and satisfactory.

MOSES W. RUSSELL,
Superintending School Committee.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Taught by Mr. Charles G. Putney. Mr. Putney is a thorough scholar, and possesses a faculty for teaching. On account of sickness the Superintendent was unable to be present at the examination; but the first visit revealed enough of the teacher's management to warrant a profitable term. Inquiries made since the school closed corroborate the above. The parents are well satisfied with the labors of Mr. P.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Under the tuition of Mr. E. S. Fletcher. This was an excellent school. Here was money well spent. Mr. Fletcher succeeded in creating in the minds of the scholars an interest in their studies. The examination showed marked progress in the various branches gone over. The interest manifested by the parents during the whole term, was highly praiseworthy.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Carrie P. Watson, teacher. We were well paid for climbing hills to visit this school. Every thing here was of the first order, except the school-house. It was refreshing to witness real cultivation,—so much of the old fashioned genuine politeness. Of course such a school would make rapid progress and go thorough. The whole school devoted considerable attention to the geography of New Hampshire, and merit special mention for their proficiency.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Emma Haseltine has taught the school two terms prior to this, and given the best of satisfaction. The interest of this term was marred by insubordination on the part of some scholars. As near as we are able to learn, the difficulty arose from outside influence—too much criticism before the members of the school, producing a prejudice against which no teacher could succeed. The examination, however, was a creditable affair, both to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was under the instruction of Mr. Francis Richards, a good teacher, who excels in explaining the "reason why." The scholars made good progress—remarkable under the circumstances. They were obliged to leave their school building on account of its being unfit to protect them from the cold, and take a room kindly provided at the Alms House, which of course was poorly adapted to school purposes. The examination showed, that notwithstanding their misfortune, they had been studious scholars under a faithful teacher. Of course a new house will be built for the school before another term.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Sarah A. Cheeney had charge of the school. This young lady is a first class teacher, and the character of the school has improved in a

marked degree under her management. Thoroughness was her motto, and the final examination proved that she had been successful. The scholars manifested more than common interest in their studies and deportment.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Mr. Reuben B. Porter, teacher. Here was good order and systematic arrangements. Reading and spelling received due attention. We regret that efforts were not made to prolong the school under Mr. Porter's tuition. The Superintendent was not notified of its close, therefore cannot report of the progress.

DISTRICT No. 8.

We are sorry to report this school almost a failure. The teacher was well qualified and did her part to make a useful school, but most of the scholars and parents took no interest whatever, and upon them rests the blame. At the next term let there be proper interest among the parents to have their children attend school, and success will be the result.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Mrs. Amanda Campbell, had charge of this school Summer and Winter. Mrs. Campbell is a successful teacher, has taught in town several terms before, giving satisfaction, and this Winter term proves no exception. The examination of this school, as well as No. 1, occurred when your Committee was sick; therefore was visited only once, but the classes then gave evidence of the best instruction. At the commencement the teacher agreed to report those who were neither absent, tardy nor had whispered during the term. They were as follows: Emmegene Littlehale, Florence M. Simons, Sylvia J. Fisk, Hattie M. Fisk, Sarah Nelson, Frank A. Cressey, George Tilton, Fred Simons.

DISTRICT No. 11.

No school during the year.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Taught by Miss Jennie B. Colby, who proved herself to be a model teacher. Patience and gentleness were the leading characteristics. The scholars merit much praise for their excellent deportment. The progress in the various branches was highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Under the charge of Miss Carrie Barron. Miss Barron is an earnest, energetic teacher, and succeeded in imparting a spirit of zeal to her scholars. She remarked to us that she had not tried to get through the books, but to have them understand well as far as they did proceed. Her decision was commendable and her efforts successful.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Miss Lucie J. Andrews in conducting this school sustains her established reputation as a good teacher. The school was short, but yet profitable. Lessons were thoroughly committed and promptly recited. The parents in this district take commendable interest in education.

Your Superintendent found the schools in better condition than he expected. The teachers the past winter have proved themselves well qualified to perform their duties. In the preceding report it will be noticed they receive much credit. It is because they deserve it. Much credit is also due the Prudential Committees for their wise selections, and here allow us to suggest to those who may serve the coming year, the importance of securing teachers that can *govern* as well as instruct. The most of the Winter schools have been well disciplined, but in a few districts there is room for improvement. Also, in relation to committing lessons, the teachers should insist upon more thoroughness.

The schools would prove more useful should the parents and friends manifest proper interest in their behalf and exert themselves to have their children conform to proper requirements, and be absent or tardy as little as possible.

A WORD TO SCHOLARS. Of the premiums of \$25.00 offered by E. Wadleigh, Esq., for best schools during the past year, only \$8.00 have been awarded. He now very generously offers \$1.00 each for the best 25 scholars in town the ensuing year, the premiums to be awarded by the Superintending School Committee, and the name of the parties to be reported as a roll of honor. Scholars will therefore remember and govern themselves accordingly.

Subjoined is a statistical table, compiled from teacher's reports.

All of which is most respectfully submitted ;

HENRY S. KIMBALL,

Superintending School Committee.

SUTTON, MARCH 12, 1867.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

District.	Length of Schools.		No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of male teachers a month, including board.	Wages of female teachers a month, including board.	No. of children in the district between 4 and 14 years, not attending school.
No. 1.....	1	12	25 19		\$33.00	\$13.00	2
		2 10	35 26				
No. 2.....	2	11	35 26		32.00	20.00	10
		2 9	50 41				
No. 3.....	1	11	9 6		13.00	20.00	1
		1 10	41 37			22.00	
No. 4.....	2	11	46 42		13.00	28.00	2
		1 6	9 6			6.00	
No. 5.....	2	8	12 11		20.00	13.00	5
		1 7	19 15			20.00	
No. 6.....	2	9	29 24		20.00	7.00	1
		1 8	8 7			12.87	
No. 7.....	2	6	15 13		23.00	19.00	4
		7	9 4			23.00	
No. 8.....	1	10	31 24		18.00	16.00	2
		2 11	35 25			18.00	
No. 9.....	1	4 1	11 7		15.00		
		2 7	10 8				
No. 10.....	10	14	8		8.00		
		1 9	6 5				
No. 11.*	2	11	12 11		19.00		
		1 7	10 9				
No. 12.....	2	6	10 9		19.00		
		2 6	10 9				
No. 13....	1	9	6 5		19.00		
		2 11	12 11				
No. 14..	1	7	10 9		19.00		
		2 6	10 9				

*No School.

NOTE. The wages reported in Districts No. 5, 7 and 13 are probably exclusive of board.

